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Mr. Mike Fowles  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Fish and Wildlife Office  
RD #1, Box 703  
Saltsburg, PA 15681-9302

Dear Mike:

On June 21-25, 2004, I conducted aerial surveys for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at 16 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects located within the Pittsburgh District. I am pleased to report that no defoliation was detected at, or in the vicinity of, Berlin Lake, Conemaugh River Lake, Crooked Creek Lake, Michael J. Kirwan Dam, East Branch Lake, Kinzua Dam, Loyalhanna Lake, Mahoning Creek Lake, Mosquito Creek Lake, Shenango River Lake, Stonewall Jackson Lake, Tionesta Lake, Tygart Lake, Union City Reservoir, Woodcock Creek Lake and Youghiogheny River Lake.

However, if you anticipate requesting either financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2005, please contact Brad Onken (304) 285-1546 or me (304) 285-1555 before August 27, 2004.

I have also enclosed a pest alert on the emerald ash borer, *Agilus planipennis*. This exotic beetle feeds on various species of ash and is a major threat to the ash resource of the region. Emerald ash borer has been detected in areas of Ohio, Michigan, Virginia and Maryland. The two most common ways of spreading emerald ash borer is through the movement of infested nursery stock or through the movement of infested fire wood. Additional information on emerald ash borer can be found at [www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/eab](http://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/eab).

Please contact me of the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey letter or emerald ash borer.

Sincerely,

RODNEY L. WHITEMAN  
Forester  
Forest Health Protection

Enclosure

Cc: Steve Shaw, Berlin Lake



Rick Miller, Stonewall Jackson Lake  
Dave Bishop, Conemaugh River Lake and Loyalhanna Lake  
Melissa Salsgiver, Crooked Creek Lake  
Gary Froelich, East Branch Lake  
Chuck Panza, Kinzua Dam  
Samuel Wagner, Mahoning Creek Lake  
Bill Alex, Tionesta Lake  
Dianne Ruszkiewicz, Michael J. Kirwan Dam  
John Kolodziejski, Mosquito Creek Lake  
Pete O'Connell, Shenango River Lake  
Pat Kline, Tygart Lake  
Edward Schwendt, Union City Reservoir and Woodcock Creek Lake  
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